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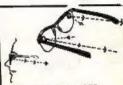


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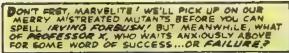












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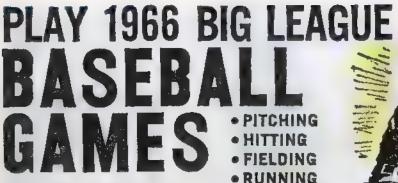












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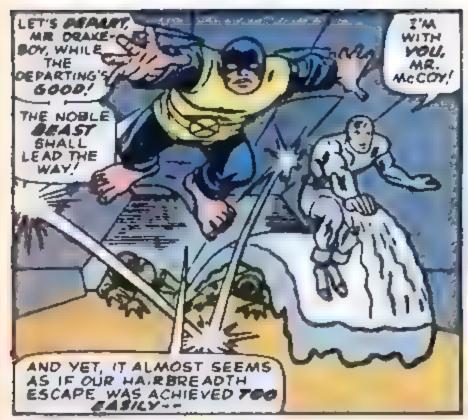






















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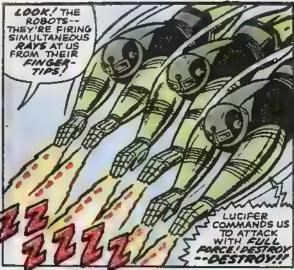
















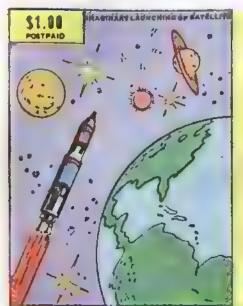








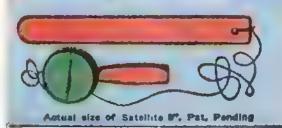




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Dear Stan,

At first I didn't like Jay Gavin's artwork at all. But as ne went on, he proved true the old cliche, "X perunce at mist I claim take jay cavin's artwork at all but as time went on, he proved true the old cliche, "X permine is the best teacher" The art is now superbut could not be better. In issue #17, the last panel was excellent. It even struck fear into my heart when I saw it Magneto was more awesume than ever! Well, never let it be said. Cleveland is for Brand X. The article from the Cleveland. Press, which I hereby enclose, shows my city loves Marvell John Keppler, 4513 W. 227th St. Fairview Park, Ohio

Many thanks for your letter, Johnny, and for the most flattering news story which you enclosed from the Cleveland Press, by Don Thompson. Actually, hun-dreds of our frantic fans also sent clips of Don's article, so we thank you one and all. For those of you who didn't see it, it was a two-part feature about Marvel, containing such glowing quotes as "-[the Marvel] style, a fast-moving, dialogue-filled blend of stang and sophistication, has won Marvel Comies a new group of readers—college students and even some professors—who relish the humor and the problems of Lee's super-characters," We won't quote any more, because you know how easily we blush . . . but thanks a heap!

Dear Stan. Jay Gavin's x-ceptionally x-celling pencils combined with Dick Ayer's x-plicit inks beyond my wildest x-pectations. Dick x-tracts x traordinarily x-uberantly. To xemplify, see X-MEN #17 for an x-ample Anyone else inking Gavin's x-hibitions of x-plosive action would be x-ecrable. Make Ayers Jay's x-clusive inker for a happy x-istence with your many x-cited fans, and I am not x-'aggerating. Not to be x-cursive, the last page in #17 was x-orbitant! By the way ...in THOR #123, there's a guy listed on the M.M.M.S. page. Gordon Lagg, Jr. Well, you misspelled his name. How do I know? I'm him! Listen chums, it's FLAGG That's et, el, a, gee, gee. Got .t? And think of how some guy really named Gordon Lagg feels the M M M S ! So, to quote from the memoirs of Irving Forbush, "Buy a Marvel come so you can list Stan Lee as a tax deduction." when he sees his name published before he even joins

Gordon Flagg, 1906 Clairmont Terrace Atlanta, Ga

We're x-trentely sorry about the in-x-cusable error, Cordie! If it'll make you feel any better, Jav and Dick say that they admire your judgment and critical art appreciation! (-While poor Stan is x-asperated 'cause you didn't mention his swingin' story!)

Dear Stan,

I am writing to you on Marvel stationery because I thought you might like the decorations hereon. By the way, who drew the Marvel heroes on the paper and

portfolio? Your newest and greatest comic is here! FAN-TASY MASTERPHECES is fab! I'm sure most readers will igree with me that the best tale was "Those Who Change". I was glad to see the Avengers finally beat somebody in one issue, and this was their most impressive victory yet! Doc Doom is no pushover Your other mags get better with each issue, too, especially the X-MEN I must be one of your greatest fans! I read all your adventure mags, and have subscriptions to SUSPENSE, ASTONISH, X-MEN, DAREDEVIL, and THOR. This is only part of it Little M.M.M.S. Marcher me has joined that worthy organization, and bought some stationery. Do Syd Terry, 58 Moross Rd. Grosse Pt. Farins, Mich. l get a no-prize?

Never mind the no-prize! Just wait'll you receive the bill for all those goodies you've been buying! Hah! As for the drawings on our mighty Marvel stationery, as far as we can remember, Jolly Jack Kirby drew most of 'em, Glad you liked FANTASY MASTER-PIECES — and you're really gonna flip over its new ish, starring Captain America!

Dear Stan,

I have been your fan for two years, and I began falling in love with your mad mags ever since I read the first one during the summer of 1963, I attend Gallaudet College here in the nation's capital. It is the world's only college for the deaf, Yes, I am totally deaf. Many people with this handwap tove your stories as much as I do I can't describe how I feel when I see one or more of those Marvels at when I miss an issue. Thank you, Merry Marvel Men.

Bill Tipton, Callaudet College

Washington, D. C.

You're welcome indeed, Billy—and we muchly appreciate your loyalty to Marveldom! We had never heard of Gallaudet College before, and just to celebrate your mentioning it, we're taking the liberty of sending you a complimentary subscription to X-MEN, so you and your fellow Gallaudetians won't have to worry about missing any ishes. Good luck, fad-and best wishes from your bullpen buddies.

Dear Ştan,

Well, you did it again! (I'm not exactly sure what it was you did, but you did it!) I've just put down X-MEN #18. It was great. I'm glad you have finally shown that Iceman is not just an irresponsible teenager who's always clowning around Hey, what happened? Magneto is suddenly ten times stronger than he ever was. He's getting to be rather a bore, so finish him off I was reading the announcement of what would happen in the next issue Then I saw that name-the Mimic. Oh, come on, Stan, not another one of those "Masters of a Thousand Dis-guises" You had the Skrulls in F.F. #2, the Chameleon in SPIDER-MAN #1 and #15, Kraven in SPIDER-MAN

#34, the Red Skull in SGT, FURY #25, the Space Phantom in AVENGERS #2, and the Masquerader in RAW-HIDE KID #49 and #50, to name just a few of the endless "Disguise Masters" you've used as villains. Enough, awready! By the way, all your adventure magazines are highly scintillating, to say the least! Yours till Stan writes serious answers to people's letters.

Guy Michael, 548 hiverside Dr. New York, N. Y.

Cheee! We always thought these answers were serious! Anyway, we want congratulate you on your knowledge of Marvelmania. Cuy! If our very lives depended on it, we probably couldn't compile such a detailed list of where our "disguise dropouts" have previously appeared! But then, we even have trouble remembering our own phone numbers!



Dear Stan,

X-MEN #18 was excellent! At least, the story was,
The only drawback to the issue was the corny expression
on the Prof's face on page 8 when he cried out, "I did
it!" Believe it or not, this detracts from the quality of the
artwork. I'm sure Jay can find a more suitable way of
showing stress. I have a similar complaint about page 8.
The expression on the Prof's face is more that of a gibbering idiot than of a cool-headed, extremely intelligent
man who shouldn't be surprised by anything by this time!
I have written you guys before, and I guess it must seem
that I only complain. However, you may hold your heads
high. Never, in almost three years of reading Marvel,
have I found cause to even murmur in discontent about
the cover or title of a Marvel Masterwork. Keep this up,
and I'll stay an "unswitchable" fan.

Fred Waiss, 876 S. Williams Denver, Colo.

Sure, Freddy, sure! The covers and the titles are okay—it's just the stories and artwork that bother you, huh? Hooo boy!

Dear Stan.

You have really outdone yourselves this time! X-MEN #18, I believe, was really great! This time I didn't mind your bringing Magneto back, because he used his brains, which I didn't think he had. Never before has a supervillain used brains in setting a trap. Until next month, tell the Beast to keep up his capricious calisthenics, so he can keep using those mellifluous adjectives—and Make Mine Marvel!

Charles McClain, 522 Cherry St. Dalhart, Texas

We sure will, Charlie—and Hank wants us to convey the following intelligence to you—he opines that your perspicacity is exceeded only by your voracious verbosity! But don't worry, pal—he smiled when he said it!





N-MEN #17 was good, but not Marvel-ous, in my opinion. I judge a comic by the amount of fighting it has it it, and the Issue in question had hardly sny. By the way, back in #3, when the X-Men fought the Blob, you mentioned that after the Professor drove the memory of his clash with the mutants from him, his memory might one day return. If it does, he'll probably want revenge on the X-Men. So how about a return of the Blob one of these days? The F.F. are getting better and better—I don't know how they're gonna beat Galactus! Now, grant me one request and tell me who would win in a fight between the Hulk, Hercules, Spider-Man, and the Thing?

Lewis Torro, 313 Edgewater Rd. Savannah, Ga.

Probably Irving Forbush—because he'd be standing on the sidelines! However, we're really not sure, Lew—the Hulk has natural strength—Hercules has immortal strength — Spider-Man has spider strength — and the Thing has the most adorable baby blue eyes—1

Dear Stan,

I knew it! I knew it! I knew it! I knew that sooner or later you'd make the complete and unforgivable blooper! You just had to go and bring Magneto back, didn't you?! When you got rid of him, I thought, "Ah, at last! Maybe now the X-Men will begin to compare with the other Marvel greats!" And it elid, it did! After you made the mag a monthly, and introduced the Juggernaut and the Sentinels, you hit an all-time high point. You couldn't be satisfied with that, though! Oh, no! You had to go and bring that creep back! I have to end this now—time to go and buy X-MEN #18, I can't wait to see what Magneto will do. Do me one favor, though, pretty please! Let him do it and then get rid of him again!

Lawa Lindh, 8 Anita Rd. W. Peabody, Mass.

Gosh, Laura — we know that you frantic ones are supposed to hate our villains, but aren't you overdoing it? After all, Magneto must have some redeeming feature. All the poor guy wants to do is destroy the human race and rule the whole world! It's not as if he's a litterbug, or a jay-walker!

Dear Stan,

I just want to say 5 things. (1)—X-MEN #17 had the second-best cover of all I've seen. (Best was F.F. #46.) (2)—X-MEN #17 had the best story I've ever read. (3)—The last two puries of X-MEN #17 were the most dramatic I've ever seen. (4)—Panel 2, page 4, of X-MEN #18 was the corniest panel I've ever seen. (5)—The November issue of the University of California Pelican was very interesting. Thanks a lot for 12 great mags each month.

Ken Chew, 3361 Birdsall Ave.
Oakland, Calif.

You're welcome, Kenny, But, waddaya mean we've got only 12 great mags each month? Don't tell us you haven't been buying MILLIE THE MODEL, also!

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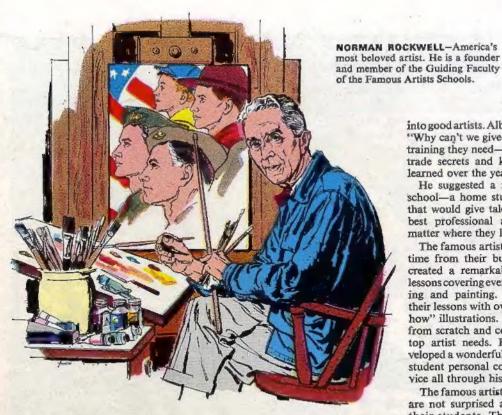
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